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**Paul Hale Receiving His 22 Medals From Ted Weston,
Horticulture Editor, American Home**

Paul Hale, originator of the Sport of Juanita, called NITA, which won more than twice as many American Home Achievement Medals as any other dahlia in the 34 years of this competition. (See story inside.) Photo, Lew Merrim. Courtesy of American Home Magazine.

Greetings to A.D.S. Members



Bertram E. Pitt
A.D.S. President, 1959

To be elected President of so wide spreading an organization as the American Dahlia Society is no small honor, and one which cannot fail to be appreciated by the man on whom it falls. I do appreciate it, and will certainly do my best to further its progress, and make it a better Society for all of us. However if it is no small honor, neither is it a small task, and certainly one which no man can carry alone. I certainly will need, and am sure that I shall have, the support and co-operation of all of you.

This Society has been in successful operation for some 44 years, and to try to find new ideas and means to implement them at this late date offers something of a challenge.

It has been suggested to me that one thing we should do is to have a Budget Committee to estimate our income, and allot portions of it to our various activities. This seems to me to be a splendid idea, and a step in the right direction. I am glad to make the appointment of such a committee my first official act. The names of the men selected appear elsewhere in this issue.

One thing which seems to regularly come to my ears is that certain varieties do not appear in the Classification List. This is one area in which your help is vital. The Classification List does not make any attempt to classify all varieties grown, but it does try to classify those which win at the shows. Those which do not win soon disappear from the show tables. If every Dahlia Society would send to the Chairman of the Classification Committee a list of the winning varieties in each class, I feel sure that we could have a better working list of classified varieties. Please be sure that if your show is one which groups together one or more color classes into one class, that you tell the Chairman to which class the winner belongs.

I feel that we should be constantly on the alert for new forms or "breaks" and should not regard our present forms as sacred. Those varieties with deeply lacinated petals are a case in point. To me they never seem to rest comfortably in the cactus class. Whether or not they should have a class of their own is a subject which I feel should be thoroughly explored from time to time.

Another area which I feel needs re-examination is our communications with our membership in far away places. I know that this idea has been explored

before without any satisfactory and workable solution being found. Perhaps there is no complete solution and we shall have to be satisfied with a partial one. The fact is that we have, through the BULLETIN, an effective way to make our views known to our entire membership, but no very effective means of learning the views or needs of those who cannot come to meetings to state them in person. A knotty problem, and one to which there may be no solution, but one which I feel we should thoroughly consider.

BERTRAM E. PITT, President.

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The A. D. S. Annual Dinner



Dr. Bruce Preas Gets A.D.S. Scroll

Leo Pollak presents for the society, this Engraved Scroll "In Testimonial of Sincere Appreciation" for his unselfish service to the A.D.S. as President for the years, 1956-57-58. Leo added his own compliments to Dr. Preas in making the presentation. All present joined him in the feeling of gratitude for a job well done. (Photo by Lew Merrim. Courtesy of American Home.)

Nearly one hundred members and friends gathered in the Colonial Room at the Park-Sheraton Hotel at 56th St. and 7th Ave., New York, for the annual A.D.S. Dinner January 17, 1959.

Before the meal started at 7:00 P.M., Leo Pollak gave the Invocation in his usual appropriate and thoughtful manner. Will Stone of Rivervale, N. J., favored us with several of his fine songs, which are always appropriate to such an occasion. His partner, Joe Gambi, was to have sung also, but unfortunately was ill and expected to go

to the hospital. (We hope that he has fully recovered as this is written.)

After the dinner had been served, Mr. Pollak made a presentation of a Scrolled Plaque to retiring President Preas, who had held office for the past three years. Dr. Preas accepted the Plaque and thanked the members for their many courtesies and continued support during his regime as president. Dr. Preas then presented the Gold Medal of the Society to William Noonan in absentia. Mr. Noonan, long a commercial grower on Long Island and for years a Vice-President of A.D.S., recently sold his dahlia farm and retired. Illness prevented his being present to accept the medal.

President Bertram E. Pitt then introduced Ted Weston, Horticultural Editor of the American Home, who told of the competition for the medals for 1958, and said that more medals in 1958 had been won by more new Dahlia Introductions (41 in all), than all other types of flowers in this 34 year competition. The big news of the Home Achievement Awards in 1958 was the winning of 22 medals by the variety *Nita*, a variegated sport of the variety, *Juanita*, by Paul and Vicki Hale of Brighton, Ill. This was more than twice the number of medals won in one year by any originator or introducer. Two varieties, *Pirate Treasure* in 1950, and *Ned Seymour* in 1954, had each won ten in one year. He then presented the 22 medals to Paul Hale. These had been won in 14 different states, from Minnesota to Alabama and from New Jersey to Oregon.

In accepting the medals, Paul described in detail how he had taken bud and leaf cuttings from the original branch which had produced the color mutation. Had grown them himself and let some of his trusted friends grow them, all the while discarding all the clumps which showed reversion to the original *Juanita*. When he had, by careful selection, got all the stock to be true to the sport, he then sent them to over 50 well known exhibitors in all part of the U. S., all of whom agreed to show the variety in their shows and return the stock to him or Glen Pierce, the Introducer. He added that he did not know before the experiment, how it would work out, but that he had received the finest kind of cooperation from everyone. "In fact," he added, "I was very green at this propagation

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Ted Weston and Stanley Johnson

Mr. Weston, for the American Home, presented Stanley with four Medals won by his new introductions for 1959 "Applause" and "Go American." As usual Ted announced that Stanley had won more of the A.H.A. Medals over the years with more dahlias, than any other introducer. (Photo by Lew Merrim. Courtesy of American Home.)

Annual Meeting

American Dahlia Society, Inc.

January 17, 1959

The annual meeting of the American Dahlia Society, Inc., was held in New York City, at the Park Sheraton Hotel, in accordance with the Corporation Laws of the State of New York, on January 17th, 1959, at the Park-Sheraton Hotel. Fifty-eight members being present, and declared a quorum, President Preas called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M., and requested a brief pause for prayer in memory of those members no longer with us. The reading of the Minutes of the 1958 annual meeting was called for by the President but, on motion since these Minutes had been published in full in the February Bulletin, the reading was omitted and the Minutes approved as printed. Mr. Olsen as Treasurer submitted the financial report for the year ending December 31st, 1958, and being approved with appreciation was ordered spread upon the Minutes of this meeting.

Annual A.D.S. Dinner (Cont'd)

job from branches and leaves, but several more experienced growers, showed me how to do it, without any reservations or remuneration. I will always be grateful to them and will always marvel at the spirit of help-the-other-fellow which prevails among the dahlia growers all over the land. I was an unknown to some of them but not a one hesitated to do his best for me and *Nita*. That we were able to secure 22 Home Achievement Medals in one year was due to the kind of a dahlia we were introducing, plus the unselfish assistance of so many dahlia friends. We thank the American Dahlia Society for inviting us here and are most grateful to Ted Weston for all these A. H. Medals.

Then followed the showing of Kodachrome slides by Henry Olsen and Lynn Dudley. A feature of this showing was a complete showing of all the entries at the Trial Gardens at East Lansing, Mich., through the courtesy of Dr. C. E. Wildon. These color slides are used to finally determine the varieties worthy of A.D.C. Certificates, and to confirm the final average scores. A short travelogue of the bus trip in the rain on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at the mid-west show at Minneapolis was included.

Together with the Treasurer's report was that of the Auditor, who found all accounts and records of the Treasurer's office in perfect and complete detail.

President Preas called for the report of the Tellers on the election of officers to serve during the year 1959, or until their successors are elected or appointed. Mr. Pollak, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the election of the entire slate of nominees as submitted by his Committee and as published in ballot form in the November 1958 issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society; namely, Bertram E. Pitt, President; Harry A. Dreyer as Treasurer, Edward B. Lloyd as Secretary, and Mrs. Diedrich Meyer as Assistant Secretary. Dr. Preas expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given him during his term of office as President by his associates and assured President Pitt of his complete cooperation, together with that of all the members, in making President Pitt's administration the success anticipated by all. Dr. Preas further expressed the appreciation of the entire membership to the retiring Treasurer Mr. Olsen for his outstanding services to the American Dahlia Society during a long period of years and in many fields of service. President Pitt at this point took over the Chair and after a brief message of appreciation for the opportunity given him to serve the Society called for reports of Standing and Special Committees.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE. The Editor, Mr. Dudley gave a resume of the publishing of the Bulletin during the past year and explained how the amount of — or lack of — advertising had a direct bearing on the amount of editorial matter in each issue. During the past year there were 144 pages of the Bulletin 1263/4 of which were editorial matter and 17/4 advertising copy.

Editor Dudley recommended that the work of any future Editor be divided in the near future with greater assistance, particularly in the advertising details. The Editor announced completion of plans whereby the publication "West Coast Dahlia" which was leaving the field, would merge with the Bulletin of this Society. It was further announced by Mr. Dudley the February issue of the Bulletin was progressing satisfactorily. He then

tendered his resignation as Editor to President Pitt, to permit him a free hand in naming successors to standing appointments.

TRIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE. President Pitt for this committee announced a complete report of the activities of each Trial Garden together with results of the scoring having been published in the Bulletin, he had no further report. He requested all entries to the Pacific Coast Trial Garden and to the Pacific Northwest Trial Garden in Tacoma, Washington, be sent to arrive in mid-April, due to early planting in those gardens.

SHOW COMMITTEE. Secretary Lloyd also reported no further report since a complete show report was included in the November Bulletin.

SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES COMMITTEE. Mr. Mulcahy for his committee reported in similar manner as was done by the Show Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Mr. Metzger reported over one hundred new members during 1958.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE. Mr. Diffenderffer, as Chairman of the Joint Classification Committee and of the A.D.S. Classification Committee, announced a slight delay in issuance of the Classification List which will make it available to our members in about six weeks.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Mr. Frey expressed his appreciation to the 1958 Judges and Clerks, and to all who so ably assisted him at the recent exhibition at the Newark Airport.

DERRILL HART MEMORIAL AWARD. President Pitt announced winners of this award to Paul Hale of Brighton, Illinois, for his "B" size *Nita*, and to Henry Olsen of Elmont, New York, for his "M" size *Beatrice*.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Mason explained his continued cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the field of new insecticides and materials to govern the keeping in storage of roots. He reported progress but cautioned on the use of many so-called "Non-Toxic" insecticides. His results will be published in the Bulletin after thorough trial by Mr. Mason and his committee.

NEW BUSINESS. Certain changes in the By-Laws of the American Dahlia Society having been approved by the Executive Committee and published as

required in the November issue of the Bulletin, were submitted at this time for approval at this annual meeting. After thorough and lengthy discussion Article II, Sec. 2, Clause 2; Article III, Sec. 2; Article V, Sec. 2, Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; and Article IX, Sec. 2, Clause 1, it was moved and carried where the name "Branch Society" appears the name "Participating Society" will be substituted. On motion made and carried Article III, Sec. 4; Article V, Sec. 1; Article V, Sec. 2, Clause 2; Article VI, Sec. 2, Clause 4; Article XII, Sec. 4; and Article XII, Sec. 5, were adopted. Article IV, Sec. 1, Clause 2, was returned to the Executive Committee for further clarification and report later.

Paul Hale, Associate Editor of THE DAHLIA and a Vice-President of this Society was introduced, together with Mrs. Hale. Mr. Hale expressed his pleasure in meeting with us for the first time, but frankly expressed his regrets so much time was given to business details rather than to talks on our dahlias. He brought up the matter of a lack of competent judges in the use of our score cards and advised consideration be given this problem. Mr. Webb called attention to the meeting and exhibition of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference on September 12th and 13th at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Sarah Wood moved and it was unanimously carried that a vote of appreciation be given our retiring officers for their valued services to the Society.

There being no further business to come before the annual meeting, it was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. — Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary.

Forrest T. Minor Died Nov. 13

The many friends of Forrest T. Minor were saddened to learn of the sudden death of this dahlia grower member of the National Capitol Dahlia Society. He had been very active in dahlia circles for the past six years. He had grown and exhibited many of the finest blooms shown at Washington. In recent years he had grown many seedlings and his latest one, *Cecil M.*, won American Home Achievement Medals at Washington and Long Island this year. It is an "A", S.C. Lavender and white, and is being introduced by Ruschmohr. Mr. Minor will be indeed missed by his many dahlia friends.

Six Trial Gardens — 1959

Henry Olsen Is the New Chairman of This
Important A.D.S. Committee

Last year the Trial Gardens experienced what was probably their greatest year, the number of varieties sent for trial being far greater than ever before. The Trial Garden Committee is grateful for this evidence of support, and hope for an equally large number of varieties this year.

It is not too early to begin thinking about sending your new varieties for trial. The garden at Oakland starts planting in April, and the garden at Tacoma, which this year joins the official family of A.D.S. Trial Gardens, starts planting about the first week in May.

I cannot too strongly urge the importance to YOU of getting your roots or plants to the Trial Garden Directors early. Every year roots and plants are received at the tail end of the planting season. These plants must then be planted late, and lag two or three or more weeks behind the rest of the planting. The result is that points are lost because the variety is considered to be a late bloomer, or to give two few blooms, and a certificate which might have been earned is lost instead. Please do yourself the favor of not giving your new variety this handicap to try to overcome.

The entry fee remains at \$3.00 for each variety sent for trial at each of the gardens to which it is sent. Three roots (or green plants) of a variety are required for trial. Entry blanks may be obtained from any of the Trial Garden Directors listed below, or from the new Chairman of the Trial Gardens Committee, Mr. Henry A. Olsen, 48 Clement Ave., Elmont, N. Y.

Since publication of the names of the Certificate of Merit winners in the November 1958 issue of the Bulletin, I have received a letter from Mr. Harry Anderson, originator of *Mr. H. T.*, pointing out that his variety which received a Certificate of Merit as a "B" dahlia having been so reported from three Trial Gardens, is in reality a large "A" dahlia. While I cannot override the reports of three Trial Gardens, in all fairness to Mr. Anderson and his fine dahlia, I should report that I have seen this variety exhibited at the National Capital D.S. Show in Washington, D.C., for two years past as well as growing in the garden of a friend, and



SHIRLEY H.

This "B", I.C. Yellow, Pink beauty won four A.D.S. Certificates of Merit Atlanta, 85.4; East Lansing, 85.1; Farmingdale, 85.2; Oakland, 85. Originators, James E. Rafferty and Walter E. Hansen. Intro-ducer, Dahlia del.

that some of the blooms measured over 12 inches. It is a well known fact that some of our top show varieties need special treatment for show purposes. For example, *Mrs. Hester Pape* must be shaded, while *Five Star General* must not be; *Cherokee Brave* does better, (for me anyway) in heavy wet soil, and you can no doubt think of others. Perhaps Mr. Anderson's *Mr. H. T.* belongs to this group, and would respond better to some special treatment which is not provided at the Trial Gardens where all varieties are grown in the open, and get the same treatment.

A list of both the official and unofficial Trial Gardens follows. Varieties entered at the two unofficial Trial Gardens do not receive Certificates of Merit, nor are they eligible for the Derrill Hart awards, but we do publish the results of their scoring in the Bulletin. Both are working with the objective of being official Trial Gardens as soon as possible, and so deserve your support.

Send Your Seedlings to These

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Minneapolis 17, Minn.
No entry fee at this garden until
they attain official status.

BADGER STATE

For instructions write to:
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University of Wisconsin
College of Agriculture
Agricultural Hall
Madison 6, Wisconsin
—Bertram E. Pitt, Chm., 1958

Correction

Two errors occurred in the Trial Gardent Report in the Nov. Bulletin. Both were in connection with the variety *Shirley*, "B", I.C., Yellow-pink. First, Walter E. Hanson, 2307 Grove Way, Hayward, Calif., should have been included as a co-ordinator of the variety with James E. Rafferty, 195 Broadmore Blvd., San Leandro, Calif.

Second, we are informed by Dr. Charles Connors, Chairman of A.D.S. Nomenclature committee, that the name, *Shirley*, in the May, 1951, issue of the Bulletin was registered to Ralph E. Lewis, 2029 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kansas, for an "A" size Lavender with White tips, I.D., and that Mr. Lewis has not relinquished this name, even tho the variety was never introduced.

When the originators of the *Shirley*, which won four A.D.S. Certificates of Merit in 1958, originated by Messrs. Rafferty and Hansen, were informed of this by Dahliadel, who are introducing the dahlia, they decided to make the name of the new 1959 introduction, *Shirley H.* and it will be so known, and advertised hereafter. It seems very difficult to avoid duplication in names, without a search of the master Dahlia List kept by Dr. Connors. The only way one can be sure that there is no dahlia named the same as the one you wish to use is to send the Registration to Dr. Connors, 115 N. 6th Ave., Highland Park, N. J., with the \$1.00 fee for registry. Just naming it and sending it to the Trial Gardens, which act normally registers a name, is not always sufficient, particularly in the case of "first" names of people.

Name Registration

By Walter E. Hansen, 2307 Grove Way, Hayward, Cal., the dahlia *Dorothy H.*, "A" size, Informal Decorative, bi-color, purple to fuchsia to red with white tips. Fee received. — Charles M. Connors.

Send Your Show Dates and Location to Editor Dudley Today

Show dates and locations of all shows in the U. S. of which we have the correct information will be published, as usual, in the next issue of this Bulletin, May. As it will be the *only* complete (or as near complete as possible) list published in any dahlia magazine, we hope that society secretaries will send such data to us before April 10th, please.

What Price Dahlias?

By Warren W. Maytrott

The future popularity of the Dahlia in our wonderful land seems to us to be dependent on a number of things. We would like to mention some of them.

There are over 100 shows in this country every year. They are held in many sections, from coast to coast. They do much to promote the popularity of the dahlia, because they induce gardeners to try to duplicate the ones which are exhibited. Such exhibits demonstrate the wide range of sizes, types and colors found in the Dahlia family today.

Dahlia Size

Let's speak of size. Recent Dahlia Shows seem to have concentrated on bigger and bigger Dahlias. That the large Dahlia is spectacular, there is no question. Yet how many beginners have the nerve or knowledge to attempt to grow the monsters? And if some of them should try, and fail, they might decide that Dahlia is not for them. (We know of such instances.) Certainly the price of the new \$15.00 introductions, which the beginner sees win in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Class, is somewhat staggering to him, particularly if he or she is in moderate circumstances. Even a commercial man will admit that. So what do we do to try to help the beginner ease into the job of growing Dahlias for pleasure?

We try, at Dahliadel, to interest him or her in growing Garden Dahlias for borders, decoration, backgrounds, color spots, and the like. Back of the movement for the promotion of Miniatures, "BB's", Singles, Colarettes, Orchids and Poms is the hope that we can get the back-yard green-thumbers growing something they can use in garden planting and home decorating. If they can get plenty of blooms without much effort and purchased at a price in keeping with that of other horticultural materials, we may see more dahlias grown all across the country in the very near future. Further, if this plan is to succeed, we must be sure that the small and small Medium varieties, which are sold to the beginners, are profuse bloomers, rugged growers, good root makers and are offered at attractive prices.

Holland Competition

American Commercial Dahlia Growers and Dahlia Societies do not always concur on policies. Let's face it. Holland competition has done more than any one thing to discourage the growing and sale of dahlias in America, commercially speaking. The local Commercial Firm has higher wage scales, the handicap of exchange rate differential, and general inflationary cost of operations to keep his

prices higher than the European prices. Furthermore, the American Grower is asked to advertise profusely (often in year books and schedules which are not the best of advertising mediums), also to contribute plant material as prizes to dahlia societies and to travel long distances to judge at the dahlia shows. On the other hand, the foreign grower places a small ad only occasionally in our Dahlia Magazines and, rarely, if ever contributes anything to our dahlia societies, and yet gets a big share of American dahlia business with price the main and most attractive incentive.

The American Commercial Man should not object to contributing time and even merchandise to the dahlia shows. It is probably a fact that most dahlia shows help sell dahlias to the American people. Perhaps they are really advertising dahlias to the public to a greater degree than the American Commercial man is contributing to the shows. But it is somewhat disconcerting to the American Commercial man to contribute roots for the auction which raises money to put on the show and to drive some 200 miles to help judge the show, then to have most of the orders in that show area go to Europe. (We have had that experience.)

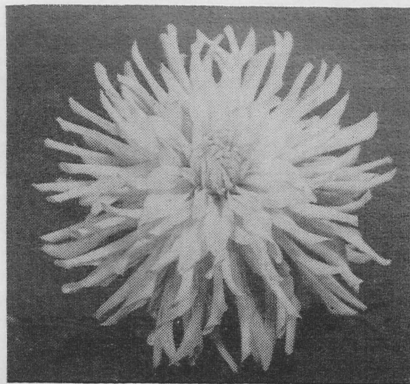
A More Popular Price Range?

You might ask what, if anything, the American Commercial men are going to do about the price differential between foreign and American Dahlias. We will all admit that the American Grower has not had his just share of this business, at least in the recent past. Will the American Commercial man be able to keep the price of dahlias within a popular price range in the face of rising costs of commodities in general? It is a fact that dahlia prices have not risen in comparison with other materials and products. To solve some of these problems, how can we bring the dahlia into a *more popular* price range? A concerted effort is being made by Dahliadell this season to do just this, with the presentation of many \$1.00 Specials. Special price offerings in nearly all lines, is becoming more popular as trends change. In Department Stores and other sales outlets, this practice has been called offering "Leaders" to attract buyers to the store where they will be exposed to merchandise with the regular "Mark Up" prices. But this is not the case with these new Dahliadell Dollar Specials. Where stock is available, we have priced *many* dahlias of quite recent introduction, so that they may be within the reach of many growers of roses, glads, etc., to help them become interested in *also* growing dahlias. Many *plants* of still newer varieties have also been priced at \$1.00 each. We hope that many dahlia lovers will benefit by these more popular prices, etc.

The Cost of Introducing

Let's speak about the introducing of new varieties. It seems to us rather unfair that a former president of one of our larger dahlia societies, who has never introduced a dahlia, should urge and recommend to his co-members that they buy their dahlias abroad mainly to save money. He entirely disregards the part local commercial growers have played in helping build up this society which he represented as an officer. It is also regrettable for him to criticize the prices charged by even some of his own members for new introductions.

Those who have knowledge of what it costs to originate, propagate, and market a new dahlia, know that \$15.00 for an "A" size, and \$10.00 for a "B" size is definitely not exorbitant. He also knows that the only chance an introducer has to come out even in many cases, is to sell the variety heavily in the second and third years. Indeed, were it not for the



NEWLYWED

"B", I.C. Yellow. Originated by H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga. Introducer, Mrs. M. E. Simmonds of Happy Cabin, on Signal Mountain. Score, Atlanta, 1958, 85.3. Photo by Southland Studios.

prestige connected with bringing out some outstanding dahlias, with the hope of selling some of the "standard" varieties along with the New Introductions, I seriously doubt if many Commercial Men would bother introducing new varieties at all. If this happened generally, where would the excitement, which always attends the growing and showing of new and better varieties, come from?

It has been often said, and we fully agree, that more money can be made by selling dahlia plants and cuttings of the introductions of other growers, than by trying to introduce new varieties. In fact, there are Commercial Firms which do just this in America today. We have many times considered the advisability of introducing new Dahlias at less than the usual prices, with the possibility of meeting the prices offered abroad. But the fact remains that custom is an important item of trade, even in the dahlia business. Many, indeed probably most dahlia growers, both amateur and Commercial, judge an article by its cost.

One Way to Lower Prices

It is just possible, that if introducers would establish a policy of holding off the introduction of a new variety for another year, following its winnings at the shows or at the A.D.S. Trial Gardens, in the meantime building up the stock of

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What Price Dahlias? (Cont'd)

roots, and then offering it at half the usual introductory price, a considerable number of customers might be found for it over the number who would have bought it at \$15.00, the previous year. But by so doing the introducer would lose the initial publicity it received through its winnings and more money would have to be spent advertising it to find purchasers. The introducer might be better off, provided the buying public would accept this policy favorably.

The sale of *Nita* this year may be an example, which other Commercial Firms could follow to advantage of both seller and buyer. However, if *Nita* had not been shown in over 50 shows all over the country, and thereby had not stacked up its winnings because of the wide publicity it received, this Sport of *Juanita* would not have sold as readily as it did. The mere fact that it was offered at \$5 per root would not have built up the large sale which it enjoyed. It was a big job for its originator, Paul Hale and its introducer, Glen Pierce, to get it around in the hands of so many exhibitors before its introduction, but this extra work (and expense) seems to have paid off in sales. Perhaps we should learn from this experience. But we should remember that the *Nita* story is not typical. Not every originator or introducer would go to the trouble to send their new introduction to so many growers. And, unfortunately, not every introduction is worth all this work and initial expense. And the public may not be ready to accept at face value such a policy of lower priced introductions, with only one example to guide them. Dahlia growers, as a rule, are (excuse the expression) somewhat skeptical about new devices to get them to buy. They would need "to be shown" before they would buy a new dahlia at a Special Introductory Price, on price alone, in sufficient quantities, to compensate an introducer for cutting his price. We base these statements on nearly 40 years of selling dahlias and our regular contact with over 25,000 gardeners from coast to coast.

About Pot Roots

In conclusion, a few words about Pot Roots. They are one of the answers to the economical purchase of Dahlias. They surely are more economical to grow, store and ship. That is why they are priced between roots and plants. Loss in delivery to the customer is nil. They are as easy to plant and care for as regu-

lar roots, but they generally eye faster, because they are more vigorous. The results in producing blooms from growing Pot Roots are equal to that of roots or plants. Clumps produced from Pot Roots, in the fall, are definitely superior to those produced from plants, at least in the majority of cases. In most cases, too, the Pot Root clumps have more roots and eyes than clumps produced from regular root divisions.

In the near future we hope to write an article for the Bulletin on how Pot Roots are grown in the U. S. We will also give some suggestions on how to grow your own Pot Roots, if you desire to try it. It's a fine way to hold good planting stock for the following year, while you feed more heavily the plot grown for exhibition.

Growing and Selling Dahlias — Are They Worth the Effort?

Please remember this. If healthy stock, produced in America, reasonably priced, *true to name*, and backed up with GOOD Customer Service, properly presented to the American Public, does not sell our dahlias, then some of us will probably realize, if we have not already done so, that we are in the wrong business.

Let us all try to bring the dahlia into a more popular price range, grow more dahlias, show more dahlias, and really enjoy life and our dahlia garden more.

North-Central Trial Gardens

We were well pleased with our first year of operation of the North-Central Trial Garden (unofficial). The eighteen seedlings and buffer planting of 104 standard varieties bloomed profusely and the visitors to our Mid-West Conference Show, from all over the country seemed to be favorably impressed. Our superintendent, Dr. Richard E. Widmer, Associate Professor of Horticulture of the University of Minnesota assures us of the continued co-operation of the University and thirty members of the Minnesota Dahlia Society have formed the Tee Gee Club to assist with the planting and to help take care of the plants during the growing season.

In 1959 we hope to receive entries from outside of our own district and because this will again be an unofficial garden there will be no entry fee. We usually plant roots about May 15 and Plants between May 25 and June 1. Shipments should be addressed to C. H. Rose, 5239 12th Avenue S., Minneapolis 17, Minn. — C. H. Rose, Chairman.

Dr. Brandon's West Coast Dahlia Is Merged With the A.D.S. Bulletin

It was announced in the November Bulletin that the "West Coast Dahlia," edited and published for the past three years by Dr. Julian R. Brandon, Jr., would suspend publication after the January, 1959, issue.

Now we announce that the Good Will and Subscription List of the "West Coast Dahlia" will be assumed by the Bulletin with this issue. This means that all of the unexpired subscriptions of the "West Coast Dahlia" will be completed by the mailing of this Bulletin for the time-term of each subscription. In other words, if a W. C. Dahlia subscriber is paid up for one year he will receive the Bulletin for one year, or four issues. If he or she is paid up for six months of the W. C. Dahlia, each will receive two issues of the Bulletin. Because the Bulletin is a Quarterly, and the W. C. Dahlia was a monthly, the Bulletin cannot match the subscriptions issue for issue. But as the Bulletin is a much larger publication, the number of pages received by the subscribers will probably be greater.

As a part of the arrangement, Dr. Brandon will become a regular contributor to the Bulletin. He will write a section or "Column" in the inimitable style which has endeared him to so many dahlia growers on the Pacific Coast. He will report the Dahlia News and Happenings in the societies and shows there. In particular he will tell our readers about the many fine people in the "Bay Area" and quote them on occasion. (See Dr. Brandon's first "Column" in this issue.) We believe that all A.D.S. members will welcome Dr. Brandon as a regular contributor to the columns of the Bulletin. He will also act as representative of the A.D.S. in membership and advertising matters.

Dr. Brandon says in the December W. C. Dahlia, "As all my readers are probably aware, I have been an ardent A.D.S. and Bulletin enthusiast since shortly after I first started growing dahlias. From the time I first started West Coast Dahlia, three years ago, and before that when I edited the Bulletin of the Dahlia Society of California, I have urged my readers to become members of the American Dahlia Society and to read the A.D.S. Bulletin. What is more natural, then, than that I should set my heart on having the good will and subscribers of W. C. D. taken over by the A.D.S. Bulletin?"

Now a word about Dr. Brandon. The writer visited the "Bay Area" in 1956. He had corresponded with Dr. Brandon, but had never met him personally. A

meeting was arranged by phone and both of us had so many things in common, beginning with a mutual love for the dahlia, that we were friends from the start. The good Doctor proceeded to cancel appointments with clients for the next two days and took the writer around the San Francisco area to call on many dahlia folks with whom we had corresponded for years. He also invited us to attend meetings and speak before the San Francisco and the San Leandro Societies, which we did. He drove us to see, among others, C. W. Ballay, Pete Harter, D. C. Schroeder, John Gaylord, and the late H. (Pete) Maguson. At the society gatherings we met many other wonderful people whom, we quickly learned, hold Dr. Brandon in high regard. This was our introduction to a man whom we later learned edited a dahlia magazine, not to make money, but to help make the dahlia more important to more people.

We sincerely regret that ill health and financial reverses forced him to give up his editing and publishing of his fine dahlia publication. But we hope that this arrangement with Dr. Brandon will give him, through the Bulletin, a way to keep in touch with the many dahlia friends he has made. We know that Bulletin readers will enjoy his writing. We further believe that this merging of the two publications will result in a closer relationship between people of both coasts of

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"WEST COAST NEWS"

By Dr. J. R. Brandon, Jr., 3437 Gravenstein Hwy., So., Sebastopol, Cal.



Dr. Julian R. Brandon
A.D.S. Pacific Coast Editor

In starting to write a few items for the BULLETIN each issue, we feel very much like one who has been driving his car in the deserts and among the farms for a few years and then suddenly finds himself in the middle of San Francisco or Los Angeles traffic.

For the three years we have been writing for a bunch of subscribers we knew (and who often wrote us) that the only thing you could be sure of about Dr. Brandon was that you could never be certain just what he might write next.

During the three years we published West Coast Dahlia, and during the two preceding years we edited the Bulletin of the Dahlia Society of California, we had one purpose in mind. We

wanted to tell our Eastern, Southern and Mid-western readers about Pacific Coast dahlias and dahlia people, and we wanted to tell our growers out here more about other parts of the country. And we have never stopped urging membership in the A.D.S. to all.

Dahlia Friends By Mail

To those of us out here who have been regular readers of the Bulletin, when we hear mention of Henry Olsen, Dr. E. C. Wildon, G. Reed Thomson, Harry Dreyer, Drew Mulcahy, Conrad Faust, Arthur S. Mason, Bert Pitt, Alex Toth and Paul Hale, to mention names of only a few of scores, they have not been merely names . . . they are personalities whom we "know" through the Bulletin.

We immediately connect them with their dahlia activities in Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Illinois, etc. If we have seen their picture in print we "know" them more personally. If not, we build mental pictures of them.

Dahlia growers outside of the Pacific Coast know of such West Coast growers as Tony DeRooy, Charley Ballay, Johnny Gaylord, Pete Harter, Dirk Schroder, Richard Eddy and perhaps a dozen or a score of others.

But how many know of such growers as Jim Rafferty, Frank Nager, C. T. Corning, Al Bennett, Fred McKelvey, Lloyd H. Simmons, Sol and Sylvia Martin, Ira J. Porter, George Jacobsen, Lynn and Maxine Murray, Broderick Jones and a host of our other grow-

ers who are playing a big part out here, not merely for their activities in their local society, but in A.D.S. activities, our conferences and other dahlia affairs. Better known are the McDuffees and the McCar-

ters in Washington and Oregon, Nat Lundgren, one of the most active show campaigners on the West Coast, and Carl Lundvall, extremely active in San Francisco Bay area activities as well as his former activities in the East, before he moved here some years ago. "The East," we might mention, is to the Californian, any part of the United States east of "The Rockies." These are better known but we want and *need more news* from them.

Lack of West Coast News

There have been two causes for the lack of knowledge in "the East" of California growers and California dahlias. The first has been the lack of a steady "pipe line" of West Coast news to the East. The second is a strange malady prevalent in California, known as "Munyahna" (spelled phonetically). The name is Spanish and means "tomorrow".

The symptoms of the disease are primarily lethargy and a compelling urge or compulsion to never do today what can be put off until tomorrow. Glenn Mack, of San Francisco, for instance, has done a marvelous job these many years in managing the San Francisco Flower Show, one of the most beautiful shows in America. He is a real "old timer" and has a wealth of information on dahlias and dahlia history here. We have been trying for 5 years to wangle a story out of Glenn but have batted .000 so far.

Two or three weeks back we took time out from a very busy San Francisco trip to have a visit with Lloyd Simmons. Lloyd, one of our very best dahlia friends, served several terms as President of the D.S. of California and has sat through meetings at which 100 to 150 or more were present as well as meetings at which only a half dozen attended. For quite a time the society met in back of his store.

We extracted a promise from him to write a story on past history of the D.S. of C. to tie in with a story on the society to be written by Charley Kurtz, perennial Secretary of the D.S. of C. and the San Leandro D.S. Guess we will have to take our hypo and go down and give Lloyd a shot of "Munyahna" anti-toxin.

We Will Go to Mohammed

Well, if the mountain won't come to Mohammed, Mohammed will go to the mountain. By the time this appears in print, the January (and last) issue of West Coast Dahlia will have been mailed out, our last dahlia will be shipped or given away, and we will have nothing to

do but write this column and travel.

This we like. We can get in our trusty jalopy and visit the various dahlia "mountains," get the stories ourselves and write 'em up. Then all we have to do is to avoid contracting "Munyahna" ourselves.

Now about California dahlias, to be specific, and West Coast dahlias in general. Al Bennett, one of our judges here and an active grower despite his 83 years, took time out a year or so ago to compile for us a list of dahlias of California

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West Coast Dahlia Merged With A.D.S. Bulletin (Cont'd)

the U. S.

Bulletin advertisers should benefit greatly from the merger. We will have several hundred new subscribers, some of whom, we hope will become customers of our advertisers. No change in advertising rates is contemplated at this time. These rates have remained the same for the past five years, in the face of rising printing costs and increased postage rates. It is possible that increased rates may become necessary in the future. In the meantime, advertisers are getting a real bargain. They should be taking more space more often in the Bulletin. The Bulletin member mailing list is a *live* list of active dahlia growers. As Dr. Brandon says: "Year after year you will see in the A.D.S. Bulletin the advertisements of the most successful commercial dahlia growers in the United States."

Now a word to subscribers to the West Coast Dahlia. New addressograph plates have been made of all names and addresses furnished by Dr. Brandon. Mistakes sometimes occur, however, without anyone meaning to let them happen. If you have a paid up subscription to the West Coast Dahlia, and do not receive this issue or subsequent ones, please write not to the editor, but to Harry Dreyer, A.D.S. Treasurer, 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, New Jersey. He is in charge of A.D.S. mailing lists and will help to correct any errors which should occur. One caution, look up your receipt and be certain you are a paid up subscriber. Then give all the information about it with your name and correct address to Harry Dreyer. If you write the editor concerning it, that will only cause a delay. But if you take exception to something you read in the Bulletin, or IF you should have a few words of praise, by all means write — Lynn B. Dudley.

origin with their classification. Charley Kurtz added to this list a number of varieties. We will attempt to bring this list up to date for these pages. To help us with this, we would appreciate having our growers here send us the names, classification, etc., of their introductions of the past few years.

OUR SILENT SOCIETIES

A couple of years ago we heard rumors there was a dahlia society in a California town. We were unable to contact the society. Finally, by means of an allegedly humorous article on "Secret Dahlia Societies," one of our subscribers, a member of the society, wrote us and gave us the information we wanted.

We know Sacramento, Calif., has a large and very successful society, but have rarely heard from their Publicity Chairman. We have heard of a society in Stockton, Calif., where we had a number of subscribers, but never have we heard from the society itself. We asked our readers to write and give us

the name and address of the Secretary of the society to which they belong, so that we may ascertain the date and place of meeting. We want to attend as many of these meetings as possible.

We mention California because it is the easiest to start close to home. Eventually we want to visit societies from border to border. Until we can see YOU, will you please help us to make these columns really worth while by sending in your dahlia news while it is still news. Very shortly it ceases to be news and becomes history. In particular, we would like to have the date of your show and the name and address of your Secretary or Show Manager.

THE MURRAYS EXPAND

Lynn and Maxine Murray, owners of Miller Dahlia Farm, Seattle, Wash., just don't like being fenced in. And their dahlia business has expanded far beyond the capacity of their present location. They have purchased a 20 acre farm near Kingston, just across Puget Sound from Seattle and Tacoma, Wash. The place has streams and a goodly sized pond which gives them unlimited water for irrigation.

They will build a good sized warehouse with adequate space for a shipping room. Last season they had to lease extra land on which to plant and they will again double their planting this season. When we lived in Edmonds, Wash., from whence you take the ferry to Bremerton, not too far from Kingston, we spent considerable week ends near Kingston and Shelton. We can not only vouch for the fact that they will have some of the finest "farmin' dirt" but will be right in the center of some of the world's best fishing.

If they just don't let themselves be fishin' when they should be farmin', they should have some mighty wonderful blooms. Anyway, it's going to be a port of call on our next trip to the north.

TO PRINT OWN CATALOG

Jim Ryan, co-owner of Jas Mar Dahlia Gardens, in Portland, Oregon, does not believe in working without all possible equipment. He writes us he has purchased an "offset" press and will hereafter print all his own catalogues and stationery. This may not be the most economical way to do it, or perhaps it is. One thing is for sure. He won't get the "Screaming Weemies" each year battling with a printer to get his catalogues and receiving the answer "in only a few days."

We might also add that every time we get some printing done the price goes up.

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ADVERTISING PAYS

On a recent trip we visited the gardens of Charley Ballay (Ballay Giant Dahlias) and Dirk Schroder (Dee Cee Dahlias). The two gardens are located but a very short distance apart in Palo Alto, Calif. While only about an hour's drive from San Francisco, there gardens are "down the Peninsula" where there is a vast difference in climate.

San Francisco is on the ocean and has heavy fogs which seem to help to produce better blooms, but also give the grower trouble at times with mildew, except of course, in the warm area known as the "Mission Warm Belt." John Gaylord, in this warm area, protected from fogs and high winds by San Francisco's famous "Twin Peaks," has no mildew problem.

In Palo Alto the towering King's Mountain and a part of the "Coast Range" protect the area from winds and fogs and the days are warmer in summer and colder in winter. Ballay's dahlias were as gigantic as ever. At Schroder's place we noted he had considerably enlarged on his plantings of the previous year. Both these growers have developed a national business through good advertising, including ads in the Bulletin.

THE UNSEEN AND UNSUNG HEROINES

Our better half remarked the other night, "You're always writing about these dahlia growers and their wonderful displays. Why don't you ever mention their wives who do most of the hard work? What about Charley Kurtz's wife? She's the gal who can set up wonderful arrangements."

O.K. So we will. Schroder and his wife are a co-ordinated team of arrangers hard to beat. Mrs. Kurtz works swiftly, quietly and unobtrusively and is absolute tops as an arranger. Jim Rafferty and his wife are another team producing "dream boat" displays. And we could mention many others.

DAHLIA WIDOWS . . . AND WIDOWERS

The preceding item brings to mind the fact that all dahlia couples are not teams working together to grow top blooms and display or arrange them. At the farm we have had many visitors. In most cases, one half of the family is the dahlia fan while the other half is either the patient, long-suffering helpmate who has become resigned to playing second fiddle to a dahlia. In some cases the mate is not resigned but is militantly hostile.

We solved the problem here at the farm by my taking the dahlia fan out to the root shed or propagating house to sell him his roots while the wife entertained the other over a cup of coffee. Some merely "cried" on my wife's shoulder while other wives threatened to "leave that so-and-so if he buys just one more root."

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Our introduction "HARRIETT" won the A.H.A. Award at Inglewood. A Lundgren entry won Best In Show at San Francisco, and another, "GIANT BEAUTY," won Largest In Show at same show.

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West Coast Dahlia News (Cont'd)

An Episcopal Minister was visiting a Catholic Priest. He was greatly impressed by the beautiful quarters supplied to the Priest and repeatedly compared them with his own austere and frugal living quarters.

"Said the Priest, "Now look. We do not begrudge you your better halves so why should you begrudge us our better quarters."

TO THE GREAT GARDEN BEYOND

Bob McWhirter, one of the oldest dahlia growers in the San Francisco area, acknowledged to be tops as a showman and the introducer of many fine varieties, passed away a few days back in San Francisco. He was an Honorary and Charter member of the Dahlia Society of California and was the oldest member in point of service in the society. He was the owner of the famous Star Dahlia Gardens. Was born in Scotland 75 years ago.

Frieda Gaylord, wife of John Gaylord, also passed away a few weeks ago. She was extremely active in the D.S. of California, constantly being pressed into active service on many, many committees. Her contagious good humor and cheerfulness at all times made her deeply beloved by all members of the society, as well as her many dahlia friends in other societies up and down the Coast.

And so, until we receive some letters from you with bits of West Coast news, we sign off with best wishes for a top dahlia year.

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**The dahlia man who says his
wife can't take a joke, forgets
himself.**
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Seedling Sweepstakes Applications

We report that applications to participate in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Competition are being sent to all Participating and Affiliated Societies. If the local Chairman has been changed and the application is received by a former officer in charge, we request that it be forwarded immediately to right person, please.

In the past, because this was not done in some instances, some societies were too late in making application to join in the competition. We also request that the applications be signed by the proper persons and returned to us at once, so that the necessary materials, score sheets, ribbons, etc., can be forwarded. If you should have sufficient ribbons and score sheets left over, please note this fact on the application when returning same. These cost the A.D.S. quite a sum of money each season, none of which is collected from participants in the competition, so we like to conserve them, with your help.

About 40 societies made application for these awards last year. They are becoming very popular among originators and introducers, because they make one of the best publicity features for new introductions. Reports of the competition are published in the November issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin each fall and this is often the first news given to the public about a new introduction. If followed by Bulletin advertising, it becomes a selling feature second to none, except perhaps a Certificate won in A.D.S. Trial Garden Tests. Both are valuable to the commercial dahlia man.

Again may we request the prompt return of the signed Seedling Sweepstake Application Blanks. — Andrew Mulcahy, Chairman, 20 Marshall Ave., Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

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Silence is something a real
dahlia fan hardly ever remembers
what it's like.
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Correction

In the advertisement of H. H. Robens on page 37 of the Nov. Bulletin, there was an error, even tho we sent the adv. proof to Mr. Robens for correction. This error was in the price quoted for *Conchita* (Min., F.D. Pink). The price for a root should have been \$5.00 instead of \$15.00.

New Hope in the "Battle of the Bugs"?

Man's battle against insects continues apace.

Throughout the history of the world, some of the 10,000 varieties of insects have buzzed, bitten and chewed their way into man's body, his houses, his crops, his food and his flowers. In this continuing battle against the bugs, man has had his moments of victory as well as many failures. With swatters, nets, fire, gas, and chemicals he has mowed down the depredators by the trillion, but more of the same and new kinds have seemed to appear with ever increasing appetites.

Unfortunately too, the insects seemed to develop immunity against many of the new chemical poisons devised by scientists to keep them under control. Some of these like DDT, a nerve poison, were initially effective, but many insects soon developed immunity to them. In the case of dahlia growers, DDT did for a while control Jap Beetles, Thrip, Corn Borers and some of the many types of leaf hoppers. But some of these insects had been parasites for the spider mites, probably thrip and leaf hoppers. With their enemies destroyed, the mites, principally the two-spotted mites which feed on dahlia leaves, really took over and proceeded to destroy many plants and sometimes whole gardens.

Many So-Called Controls

In order to control the mites, dahlia growers have used such poisons as Parathion, Malathion, Lindane, Aramite and other chemical dusts and sprays. Most of these have proved to be effective up to a certain point. Some were more effective than others. Unfortunately most of them were toxic to humans to some extent and had to be used with care. Also reports from dahlia growers, who used these poisons, have not been consistent. Some obtained better results than others using the same chemicals. Probably those who got the best results were able to spray or dust oftener.

A Teacher States the Case

As A. H. MacAndrews of the College of Forestry at the State University at Syracuse states the mite problem, "I have noticed that the red spider problem is becoming worse each year. More spiders over a longer period of time on the dahlias are observed and it seems to me they are getting harder to control. At one time, red spider was no problem in my garden. I licked it easily with Red Arrow spray."

"This summer," continued Mr. MacAndrews, "I tried five of the standard red spider chemical controls and the mite population kept getting worse. Finally I found that Malithion cleaned them up with two spray applications. Before I tried that, I asked several dahlia growers with more experience than I how they were making out and got a lot of unsatisfactory answers. Some said they used Dimite, others said they used Aramite and so on. But when I looked at their plantings, the plants looked terrible and the ravages of the mites were very apparent, even tho the impression I got from the owners was that they had no mite problem."

"What is the answer? A few years ago I prided myself on having a very clean, bug free garden. Now I have serious mite trouble on practically everything in the garden. As time goes on we are going to have more battles to raise show flowers. Therefore I would like to see a clearing house of some sort, with the latest data on insecticides, fungicides, new pests, fertilizers and the like. The Bulletin is the best place for such information and I hope that you will try to help us in solving some of these serious dahlia growing problems." (Editor's Note: We trust that the following information will help you, Mr. MacAndrews, and others to solve this bothersome mite trouble. The other subjects you mention, have and will be covered in the Bulletin as we progress.)

Because the gestation period of the mites is five days or less, and some of the preparations do not kill the eggs, frequent sprayings were necessary to more completely control the mites. Also the residual action of most of the sprays and dusts were not of sufficient length to kill the myriad swarms of newly hatched mites. Now a new miticide, which recently came from Germany, promises to be much more effective and safe to use.

Kelthane E.C.

It is called KELTHANE EC. and is processsed and distributed by several firms in America. The first we heard of Kelthane was from the Pacific Coast in 1957 where it was on trial. We received a sample of it from the Dextral Corp., 495 So. Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, Calif. Tests here and in Canada have proved it harmless to insect predators and para-

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sites which help to keep the mite population under control. We tried it and found it most effective in killing both the adult mites, larva and the eggs.

Next we received some descriptive folders about Kelthane from Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. These were issued by Rohm & Haas Co., Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa., who are the Eastern distributors of the product. We did not receive any of the product from them or from Stanley for test purposes. However, he and some of his friends near Philadelphia did get some of it for trial and here is Stanley's report:

"We have found that Kelthane Miticide is, without question, the most effective control yet produced. It kills mites in the adult, larval and egg stages. Dahlias are attacked mostly by the two-spotted mite or *Tetranychus telarius*. Kelthane EC is now available as a wettable powder or as an emulsion concentrate and in dusts. We used the emulsion concentrate at the rate of 3 teaspoons to 2 gallons of water. After some very hot days (three weeks of it in June) we sprayed the garden on June 21st. Repeated the application on July 19th. After these two applications my whole garden remained completely free of the mites. Had no trace of them during entire balance of season. It is relatively non-toxic to honey bees.

"Kelthane has extremely long residual action and from my experience, and that of several friends, it appears that at most, three applications per season will completely control the mites, even during a very hot summer. Some of my friends insist that one application is sufficient. It is my firm belief that if one uses Kelthane red spider and two-spotted mites are no longer a menace to dahlia growers. (Editor's Note: If you wish to learn more about Kelthane E C, write to Stanley Johnson.)

We Can Expect a New Type of Control

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A.D.S. Executive Meetings — 1959

It has been announced by President Pitt that regular meetings of the Executive Committee will be held, as usual, every month in 1959, with the exception of May and September. They will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Fridays at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th St. and 7th Ave., New York. Following the Annual Meeting on Jan. 17th, the dates for these meetings are as follows:

Feb. 20 — Mar. 20 — April 24 — June 19 — July 17 — Aug. 21 — Oct. 16 — Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Past Presidents, Life Members, Ap-pointive Members, the nearly 100 Vice Presidents and the current Presidents of all Participating and Affiliated Societies are members of this A.D.S. Executive Committee and are entitled to vote, when they are present. A.D.S. members are always welcome to attend the meetings when in the city. A group gathers each time for dinner before the meetings. You are always welcome to join them, dutch treat, of course.

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**Married dahlia men may not
 be the best informed people,
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New Horticulture Center

Miss Doris Duke, president of the Duke Gardens Foundation, Inc., of Somerville, N. J., and Charles D. Webster, president of the Horticultural Society of New York, have signed an agreement between the two groups which provides for the development of part of the 2,300 acre Duke Farms area as a center for horticulture exhibits, plantings and research.

The area will consist of 60 acres of natural woods, gardens and greenhouses, on the banks of the Raritan River, approximately two miles from the Somerville Circle and 35 miles from New York City. Lands and buildings will be devoted to agricultural, botanical and horticultural exhibits and will be open to the public.

When completed, facilities will permit the Gardens to be used as an exhibition and meeting center for local regional and national plant societies. We hope that at some point in the plans, a Trial or Exhibition Garden under the auspices of the American Dahlia Society can be included.

Some Comments on Changing Size Limits

The article in the Aug. 1958 Bulletin entitled, "Shall We Extend the "B" Size to Over 6" Up To 9" — Or Split the "A" Size Into Two — 9" To 11" and Over 11"?" occasioned quite a lot of comment for or against both these proposals.

Unfortunately other and seemingly more pressing news and comment, has crowded out this topic from the Bulletin since then. This question also reminded some of our members that they did not approve of the action taken in 1957 by the officials of the A.D.S. to reinstate the "BB", Small Medium, in the A.D.S. show in N. Y., in Trial Garden Testing, and Seedling Sweepstakes, and to have it as a separate class in the Joint Classification List. So this symposium on size includes some of these comments. We would be glad to hear from others about the questions as stated in the first paragraph, which are still unresolved. As far as the "BB" question is concerned, societies which don't want the class in their show, can just leave it out of their schedule. But we can tell them that more "BB" size dahlias are being sold every year, and more societies are putting the "BB" class into their schedules, so there must be increasing demand for the class. Also one large commercial dahlia grower who never listed them in his catalogue before, has them there in 1959. What's that about the "Hand Writing on the Wall?"

A Vote for the "Bs" to Be 6" to 9"

Lynn B. Dudley, Editor, Bulletin:

It seems to this exhibitor that the creation of yet another size class in the "As" is not the answer. The creation of the other size class recently, the "BB" class, while commendable in its aims, has not yet been included in many of the shows in the Mid-West. I am afraid the same would be true of splitting the "As" into "A" and "AA". Most dahlia societies that I know about just do not have enough members who grow enough varieties to cover the sections in the schedules as they are today, much less having blooms enough to fill still another class.

Even at the larger shows such as the Central States show in Chicago, there are a number of classes which are so weak as to attract none or at least very few entries. So, I say why add any more sections to help to leave still more class-

blanks on the tables?

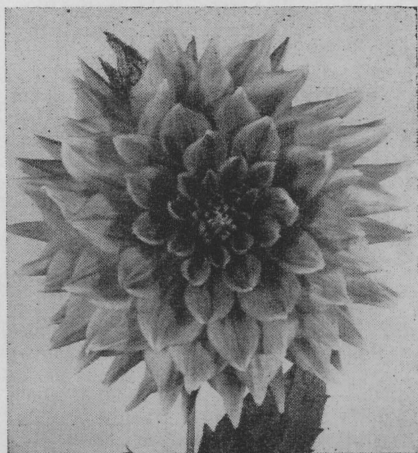
However, the proposal to increase the "B" size to 9 inches is far more desirable. This should accomplish the aim of enabling a number of varieties which are on the borderline between "A" and "B" to rate as good "B" size varieties. Doing this would help fill out a few weak spots on the "B" classes in the schedule, without in any way weakening the "A" side.

My vote is strongly for the amending of the present "B" size regulations to from over 6 inches to 9 inches, with all "As" being from 9 inches up. The first consideration should be for schedules workable for the majority of dahlia societies. — Yours truly, Richard H. Jamison, 825 Kammerer Rd., St. Louis, Mo.

Judge Currie Opposes "B" Class Extension or the Split of the "A" Class

Dear Lynn:

On the issue of subdividing the "A"
(Continued on following page)



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Comments on Changing Sizes (Cont'd)

class, or raising the size limit of the "Bs" to 9 inches, I wish to voice opposition. Giving recognition to the "BB" dahlias in the classification hasn't disrupted the show schedules of such shows as Madison, Milwaukee, Central States, and Southtown. However, tampering with the size of "B" or "A" dahlias would do so in my opinion. As now set up the schedules of these shows have an equal number of classes for both "As" and "Bs" (any bloom from 4 to 8 inches) in each section, with no separate classes for "BBs". Winnings in the "B" classes carry equal points for sweepstakes with those in the "A" classes. There is no sentiment in this section for such separate classes for the "BBs". Therefore, in practice there is a spread of about 3 inches between the smallest and largest blooms exhibited in the "B" classes, and approximately the same spread in the "A" classes, with very rare exceptions, even though in theory a larger spread is possible. It would be a serious mistake in my view to disturb this equilibrium.

It has taken years of effort to get show schedules in the Middle West on the present standardized basis. Exhibitors like the present schedules. Competent judges, and we now have many of them, as a rule do not unfairly discriminate against a bloom merely because it is smaller than a larger competing bloom. Frequently the smaller bloom wins the blue ribbon because of its superior quality.

There will always be certain varieties which would benefit if the dividing line as to size were moved in one direction or the other. This shouldn't influence a decision on where to draw the line. The test should be whether the present size classifications are working well and insuring fair competition. I am sure that they are, and would be fearful of disrupting the present generally satisfactory system in order that certain varieties might possibly stand a better chance of winning on the show table than they now do. While a change might benefit such varieties there would be other varieties which would be hurt thereby. — George R. Currie, 4130 Manitou Way, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

Kansas City Asks for Opinion

Kansas City 24, Mo., 3011 East 9th
Dear Mr. Dudley:

I am writing this letter to ask the opinion of the American Dahlia Society concerning the extension of the "B" size

to 9 inches. When is change likely to be made? We would like this information in time to arrange to put this change into our 1959 show schedule. Thanking you, I remain, yours very truly, Frank Tamborella, President, Greater Kansas City Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Society.

Dear Mr. Tamborella:

Sorry that I could not answer your letter in person, and sooner. But as you can probably see, from the other correspondence reprinted herewith, no decision has been made in the matter as yet. And the Editor has no opinion, or should not have one, or should not shout it from the housetops, if he does have one. As soon as decision is reached by the Executive Committee of the A.D.S. if it ever is, the results will be published in this Bulletin. In the meantime, if any society wishes to try out showing the "B" class, from 6" to 9" and so publishing it in their schedule, why not do so? If done, please report results to the Bulletin. — Lynn B. Dudley.

Favors Extension of B's to 9 Inches

Bremerton, Wash., Sept. 18, 1958
Dear Mr. Dudley:

Having been a member of the A.D.S. for several years, I wish to put in my small two cents worth into the discussion of altering the size class of the "B" and "A" dahlias. I am very much in favor of having the "B" extended to 9 inches, but not over 9 inches. I attended five dahlia shows in the Pacific Northwest this season and talked over these proposed changes with several other judges and exhibitors. The great majority of them felt as I do, namely that the extension of the "B" size to 9" would work out very satisfactorily. But all felt also that to split the "A" size into "A" and "AA" would create a lot of discontent among the exhibitors, maybe arguments too. Some exhibitors would complain that their bloom was an "A" size even though the judges classed it as "AA" or vice versa. They might say that they had never been able to grow it to the super size, even if it was classed as an "AA".

The feeling in our group is that now the "BB" class is an established fact in our schedule and on the show tables, the larger size "B" class is too compressed, being only two inches spread (6" to 8"), and should be extended to 9 inches. — Leo H. Miller, R.D. 5, Box 85, Bremerton, Wash.

Let Me Fire a Shot

Portland, Ore., Sept. 9, 1958
Dear Mr. Dudley:

You said if anyone wanted to get into this controversy about changing the size limits of "Bs" and "As" to take aim and fire. So here am I with a lot of ammunition. First, I have two objections to adding another size like a class "AA" for the super giants, as proposed by one of the A.D.S. Participating Societies:

- (1) There would be certain color omissions in the over 11" size as Dr. Knocke pointed out.
- (2) It is most important and wise to have only five size classes in addition to Poms. More than that would increase greatly the work of the judges and also add to the troubles of those staging the show.

I am very much in favor of the proposals made by my friend Warren Maytrott in the August, 1957, Bulletin. Indeed, I thought so much about them that I sat down and made some crude sketches of the classes with present and proposed revision in size. After studying the sketches, I concluded that the "B" and "BB" classes, at least the former, needed

to be spread out slightly. I showed the drawings to Dick and Shirley McCarter of Swan Island Dahlias and they made some suggestions for which I also made some sketches. I am sending these to you and if you can use them in the Bulletin, you are at liberty to do so. Perhaps others would, after studying them, come to the same conclusions that I have. — Fred T. Ahl, Jr.

Editor's Note: Space does not permit the inclusion of Mr. Ahl's sketches at this time. We hope to do so in a future issue. Unfortunately, the sketches seem to point out that it might be advisable to increase the size of miniatures of 4½ inches; the "BB" size up to 7"; the "B" size up to 10" and start the "As" at 10". Sorry, Mr. Ahl, we are afraid that in opening up and making changes in all the size categories, which your sketches suggest, we would find ourselves without any real division lines which anyone could figure out. What would the poor judges do if we injected some one-half inches into the picture?

(More comments on changing sizes next page)

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The Unfortunate Victim

By Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn

Poor little me, a "BB" dahlia. I didn't have a class to show in at most shows this year since I have been taken out of the "B" classification where I have been satisfied for many years and have done a good job in winning as the best "B" dahlia in a lot of shows, but sure was glad that most societies accepted me in their "B" sections, so why not let us alone and let us stay where we like to be.

Seems as though most of the folks all over the United States who grow dahlias want us as we were and the more we are changed around, the less chance we have of being grown in dahlia gardens and folks will become so confused that we will be like a lost ball in the high weeds, and then too, since the show schedules of most of the dahlia societies are not going to include a "BB" section, why classify us as a "BB"? We are small in number and the more we are pushed around, the worse it is going to be for us. We can stand our grounds with all the "B" dahlias grown if we are well grown and shown properly.

Understand someone wants to enlarge the size of the "B" dahlias now. According to the Judging Manual by Dr. Ward Cook, the "B" dahlia can be 9 inches and if this tolerance is now in effect, I think someone is wasting their time to even think about these things. Let the smaller societies get used to showing their "A" and "B" and dahlias in separate sections as some are still showing "A's" and "Bs" together. Someone is trying to push too hard and I am afraid it is going to do more harm than good. A beginner sure gets confused when told that he has to show his dahlias in the "A" section and also the "B" section and heaven knows what will happen when he is told that another section is in the making known as "BBs". It sure needs a lot of explaining. The small grower can't include all these extra plants and the average society cannot add all the extra classes to set up their show.

Why Make More Confusion?

By Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham, Ala.

For several years, there have been discussions regarding "BB" dahlias. This year classes for "BBs" were included in some show schedules. Now, there appears

to be at least three different groups of confused dahlia growers. If other changes are made, more confusion will follow and some growers will become disgusted with all these new classes and will probably grow dahlias in the future without regard to size and maybe color classifications.

One of the groups to become confused is the AMATEUR GROWER. This group composes by far a majority of members of the A.D.S. This is the main group who is affected by any classification list. An amateur grower, whether large or small, grows his dahlias to win. He studies the classification of dahlias as to size and color and plants accordingly. If a dahlia was introduced as a "B" dahlia but, with a few canes and forcing, can be grown to 8½" or 9", a good dahlia grower will grow his blooms under 8" as required. A good amateur grower can grow a dahlia as classified, whether Min., "B" or "A". If this can't be done, the introducer probably should have change the original classification. Now, along come the experts and defend the dahlia that grows to 8½" and suggest the B class be extended to 9". Then, how about the dahlia that grows to 9½". Very soon some disgruntled grower will come along and want a class for every inch as 9-10", 10-11", etc. You may say "That is stupid and impractical." No more so than the changes that have been made and others which might be made. Many amateur growers feel that if we have to make a class to fit the dahlia instead of growing the dahlia to fit the class, then, we are offering a premium for poor horticulture. I have been an amateur grower for 28 years and try and like to win at the shows.

Another group to become confused is the group of SHOW CHAIRMAN and his committee. If he tries to conform to the size and color classifications, he already has far too many classes. Many classes have no entries at all. With the coming of the "BB" this condition is made worse and any other change will add more discord. A show chairman will be at a loss to plan for an effective show and many blooms will be entered and judged in wrong classes. Also, it will be harder to obtain accurate records of the shows. I have been show chairman for 12 shows and on the committee for several other shows.

Still another group to become confused is the group of JUDGES. One of the reasons for the "BB" class was that the 5-6" bloom did not have an equal chance with the 7-8" bloom because of size. Why?

The OFFICIAL score card calls for no points on size in "B" dahlias. This is an open admission that some persons think our present day judges are prejudiced and dishonest. Please do not misunderstand me. This is not my opinion. I believe present day judges work hard and give very honest decisions but then I am not in favor of all these class changes. Also, with all these new classes more time will be required to judge a show.

My reason for this discussion is in defense of the amateur grower who is a hobbyist and grows dahlias for the love of the dahlia. He goes to the shows to exhibit his dahlia, meets his old friends and make new ones. He wants things as simple as possible. If we keep making changes and divisions, there will be a tendency to form "cliques" instead of regional and state societies. This will mean that some societies will suffer from lack of new members. This is something few societies can afford.

Catalogues Received

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Why Not Write for Them?

- DAHLIADEL, Vineland, N. J. 16 page Supplement to 1958 Catalogue.
 MILLER DAHLIA FARM, 318 So. 128th St., Seattle, Wash. 32 pages.
 BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS, 4309 El Camino Real, Calif. 4-page folder.
 SUMMIT DAHLIA GARDENS, P.O. Box 567, Glen Ellyn, Ill. 32 pages.
 HANNA DAHLIA GARDENS, 812 So. Delsea Dr., Clayton, N. J. 4 pages.
 SWAN ISLAND DAHLIAS, Canby, Ore. 26-page Cat. in Full Color. 25¢.
 ROCKY RIVER DAHLIA GARDENS, 13089 East River Rd., Columbia Sta., Ohio.
 BARWAL DAHLIA FARM, Westville Ave. Extension, Danbury, Conn. 8 pages.
 H. H. ROBENS, Rt. 1, Route 422, East of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. 4 pages.
 BRUCE COLLINS, 8844 River Rd., Utica, Mich. Dahlias & Glads, 22 pages.
 NAT'S DAHLIAS (Lundgren), 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Calif. 6 pages.
 VENNER DAHLIA GARDENS, 7604 S.E. Tolman, Portland, Ore.
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This Issue Will Be Late

February is a short month. There are two holidays when the printers do not work. But these are not the only reasons why this Bulletin will not be out until the last of February. If we listed all the delays encountered, you would think we were just asking for sympathy. Still, we must mention some of them.

First, the Annual Meeting late in January means that much of the material must be started after that date (this year, Jan. 17th), not only by the editor, but by the new president, the secretary and other contributors. The advertisements were all

late, the last one being written by us on Feb. 4th. But proofs were mailed to all advertisers for corrections on Feb. 7th. Seems like most of the advertisers were too busy to write their copy. Ordinarily we are glad to help them, only a virus got us late in January and we were laid up 10 days. Then Mrs. D. needed some extra nursing, too.

We believe, even with all these handicaps, that the issue will be interesting. If not, and there are any serious complaints, we will receive them of course. But please remember that old story which ends, "— and you would make trouble for me?"

And, because it is a pretty full issue and will be hard to get into the limit of the number of pages, which the volume of advertising permits, we will forego any further sage remarks and editorial prerogatives and just say — Thank you and happy reading. — L.B.D.

For the reasons above, too, we have been unable to answer many recent correspondents. We apologize to them and say we will get to answering as soon as possible. We have no secretary, and our typing, outside of Bulletin work, is slow. Sorry, folks.

At the Annual A.D.S. Meeting we were handed a page from the Sunday Scrantonian (Pa.) which showed a photo of Roy Webb, A.D.S. Veep, seated at a display table at a dahlia show, surrounded by women. No other male in sight. When we inquired how come we received this explanation. The Laurel Garden Club of Scranton is composed of people who are members of the local YWCA. Roy is the only male member, so he is the only man eligible to show dahlias at their annual show. Simple isn't it? But, ladies of the YWCA, He wears pants.

From Mrs. L. E. Herndon, 75 Wilmington Rd., Ashville, N. C., to Henry Olsen:

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DAHLIA PEOPLE

Here, There and Everywhere



From Vice Pres. J. Ralph Berry, 2835 Wager Rd., Rocky River, Ohio: "Note that the A.D.S. has taken over the West Coast Dahlia. This ought to help A.D.S. membership rolls and give a bigger audience to Bulletin advertisers. Imagine it will also be a help to dahlia people on the Pacific Coast. That Doc Brandon, when it comes to writing, is quite a guy. Hope you will send the Feb. Bulletin to us at 200 S.E. 21st St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. We left Rocky River Feb. 5th and expect to return around April 15th. That was earlier than we intended, but Ruth got homesick for that 82 degrees. It has been a rough winter in Ohio. (Sure, Ralph we will send Bulletin south, wish we could bring it. — L.B.D.)

Editor Arthur S. Mason of the Dahlia-gram of the National Capitol Dahlia Society, in his Jan. issue, gave the A.D.S. a fine write-up on the Trial Gardens and Seedling Sweepstakes. He said in part: "It is your Editor's opinion that the A.D.S. Trial Gardens and Seedling Sweepstakes are two of the most important functions of the American Dahlia Society. The A.D.S. members (and its Participating Societies) who supervised these two activities during the 1958 season are to be congratulated upon a job well done." He then gave generous space to the 1958 reports of these A.D.S. projects as reported in the Nov. Bulletin, for the past season. This is greatly appreciated, Arthur. — L.B.D.

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 DEE CEE DAHLIA GARDENS (D. C. Schroeder), 547 Runnymede, Palo Alto, Cal.
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 WM. DE RUYTER, P.O. Box 9, Oegstgeest, Holland.
 TIP TOP DAHLIA GARDENS, Rt. 4, Box 392, Port Orchard, Wash.
 GLADSIDE GARDENS, 61 Main St., Northfield, Mass.
 DAHLIA-MAARSE, Uiterweg 32, Aalsmeer, Holland.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

- THE DAHLIA, Official Bulletin of Central States Dahlia Society. A year book edited by R. G. Huey, 10149 Rosin Ave., Whittier, Calif. Ass't Editor and Business Mgr., Paul Hale, Box 206, Brighton, Ill. (who, with his *Nita*, is pictured on cover).
 THE GARDEN JOURNAL, Pub. of N. Y. Botanical Garden. Dorothy E. Hansell, Editor. Annual subscription, \$2.00. A Bi-Monthly.
 HANDBOOK ON HERBS, Pub. by Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Brooklyn 25, N. Y. (Price, postpaid, \$1.00)

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

The Southern Tier Dahlia Society will hold its 1959 show on Sunday, Sept. 13th, at the Mark Train Hotel.

Dahlia People (Continued)

Paul Hale and "The Old Crows"

We enjoyed very much having Paul and Vicki Hale of Brighton, Ill., visit us to attend the Annual A.D.S. Meeting. They are fine people and made many friends here. The high point of their visit was Paul's story of "The Old Crows."

It was during the Annual Meeting in the afternoon. The new President, Bert Pitt, was in the chair. The business at hand was the approval of the changes in the Bylaws of the society, which had accumulated during the year and had been previously approved by the Executive Committee. Some members were intent on picking out wrong commas, colons and adverbs used in the several revisions, and attempting on the spur of the moment to re-revise the clauses. The arguments were taking a lot of time and not seemingly getting anywhere, when Paul asked for the floor.

He said, "I was the president of a small dahlia society once. I hadn't had too much experience, but I was conducting the meetings to the best of my ability. I found that one corner of the room was usually occupied by a group of some of

the "Elders" of the society. Whenever there was a proposal or motion to try something new, and as many of us thought better, this group was on the negative side and often they won. Because they had never done it the way some of the newer members believed it could be done and were willing to work hard to see if it could be accomplished, they voted NO! NO! NO! We dubbed them 'The Old Crows.'

"On one occasion, we had a very trying session and this group vetoed every proposition. I got mad, adjourned the meeting, went home and told Vicki that I was going to resign and let the 'Old Crows' run things. Then, after thinking it over, I decided to carry on. I learned how to get progressive action for the society approved. We spent time discussing it calmly, hearing both sides, sometimes tabling the motion until another meeting, when perhaps not so many of the over-cautious members were present.

"In the end, the society prospered. We got some new members with progressive ideas and not so prone to quibble over unimportant things, as the 'Old Crows' had been. They were willing to work, not just sit back and criticize the work of others. And we had time to take up dahlia culture and exchange experiences."

After Paul concluded this story, all but one of the proposed Bylaw changes were approved, and that one had been vetoed before Paul mentioned the 'Old Crows'."

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From P. T. Smith, 306 McLemore St., Greenwood, Miss.: I was in Atlanta last fall and stopped to see E. E. Montgomery, head tester for the A.D.S. Trial Gardens in Atlanta. He gave me a copy of the August issue of the Bulletin. It was the first copy I had seen, altho I have been growing dahlias since the mid-20's. Would like to compliment you on the way it is made up. Everything is fine except there is not enough information on culture for the average grower. We, here in the deep south, have more trouble fighting the insects than any other part of dahlia growing. Especially, do we have a problem with the red spider mites. Why not give us a symposium on insecticides in the near future? I say "us" because I expect to be getting every issue of the Bulletin from here on. (Thanks for the suggestion, Mr. Smith, hope you will get some tips on this subject from the article in this issue, "New Hope in the Battle of the Bugs." Glad to welcome you as a new A.D.S. member. But please be patient,

we can't get everything in every issue. It takes more than two swallows to make a summer, and it takes more than one issue of this Bulletin to get all the helps to dahlia people, which we try to incorporate in them throughout the year. — L.B.D.

Past President Leo Pollak who is high up in Navy circles in Washington, is the authority for this one. The Navy has some 183,000,000 tons of smokeless powder for sale. It is composed of, among other chemicals, 12 to 13.6 per cent of nitrogen. There is potash in it, too. What a boon to dahlia gardens this powder might be, under the right circumstances. Who ever heard of fertilizer with over 12% of free nitrogen in it, going to waste in such tremendous quantities. If a few applications of it did not produce dahlias of a size never before seen in any show, at least with a fuse and a match touched to the garden you could cover your chagrin. It might serve to plow it for next season, too. But don't get het up about it, for Leo says the Navy would not be interested in dahlia-garden-sized orders. It would probably turn down any order under 25,000,000 tons. We don't know of any garden that needs 3,000,000 tons of nitrogen.

Thor Solem, our host at the Mid-West show at Minneapolis last year cannot give up the idea of having the dahlia chosen by Congress as the National Flower. It sure would be a great thing for our favorite flower, but to organize a lobby to go to Washington to work on it would be expensive and probably fruitless. Thor sends us a front page story from the Minn. Tribune which tells of a project by David Burpee, the seed man, to have the marigold named as our National Flower. That would help sell marigolds, anyway. Just about every flower grown in America has its backers for this great honor. Probably every senator and representative has a different favorite, also, so this battle could go on for years. This editor would like to see the dahlia named because it is America's First Garden Flower. Discovered in the gardens of the Aztecs in 1547 by Hernandez, it predates marigolds and every other garden flower here.

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Kitsap Dahlia Society

We are sorry that the copy of our show report did not reach the Bulletin in time for publication in the Nov. issue. It was held at the Kitsap Co. Fair, Aug. 21-24. The best dahlia in show was *Marilyn Dale*, shown by Leo Miller. Second was *Heather McBride*, shown by Vernon Sanford. Best "B" bloom was *Golden Heart*, by Tom Forhan.

Bertram E. Pitt, Chairman of the A.D.S. Trial Garden Committee last year and now A.D.S. President, attended the show and assisted in judging the seedling section. *Nita*, a dahlia originated by Paul Hale, of Brighton, Ill., won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award and the American Home Achievement Medal. It was grown by Leo Miller. He was the winner of the society trophy, also, for exhibits of *Marilyn Dale*, *Pirate Treasure* and *First Lady* in the Open to All section.

The following are the officers elected for 1959: President, Leo Miller, R.D. 5, Box 85, Bremerton; Vice Pres., Vernon Sanford, R. Rt. 5, Box 930; Secretary, Mrs. Peter G. Roth, 4543 The Cedars, Bremerton; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Ernst, R. Rt. 2, Box 324, Paulsbo, Wash.; Trustee, Mr. Martinson, 001 Jensen, Bremerton. Conference delegates: Andrew Bobb, Katherine E. Miller, N. S. McKamey, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sanford and Thomas Forhan. J. E. Hulin was appointed as a one-man entertainment committee, at large for the entire society. — Mrs. Peter G. Roth.

Southern State Dahlia Association Dahlia Society of Georgia

The old has gone — the new has arrived! That expression applies to the year and to new officers. This year the Dahlia Society of Georgia is host Society to the Southern States Dahlia Association, whose show will be held October 3rd and 4th, 1959, in Atlanta.

The Officers of the Southern States Dahlia Association this year are: President, Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr.; 1st Vice-President, A. H. West, Birmingham; 2nd Vice-President, C. J. Bivens, Chattanooga; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Snee, Atlanta.

The new 1959 Officers of the Dahlia Society of Georgia, in its Silver Anniversary year, are as follows: President, David Sullivan; 1st Vice-President, Lee L. Holloway; 2nd Vice-President, Gene Boeke; Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Huie; Treasurer, Charles King; Parliamentary, Bernie Kennedy; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Hudson.

The annual Christmas party was held at the Peachtree-On-Peachtree Hotel, this December, and enjoyed by a good representative number of the members. R. O. Glauzier was awarded the Past President's trophy by the incoming President, Mr. David Sullivan. Hats off again to Glauzier for a fine year as our President. For any society, ours runs along with as little bickering, petty grievances and quarrels as seems possible; and enough good strong competitive spirit to make Dahlia growing worthwhile.

The annual Spring meeting of the Southern States Dahlia Association will be held here in Atlanta sometime in February to discuss business and plans for the Fall Show. This year the Association, for the first time, will have its own Medallion. This Medal will be offered to only group-type societies or association of societies on a reciprocity basis. Those interested may contact Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., 1260 Brookforest Drive, N. E., Atlanta 5, Georgia. Only four Medals will be reciprocated, each on a "first come-first served" basis.

Make plans now to send your new introductions to the Southern Trial Grounds in Atlanta. We hope to have another big year. — Dr. A. L. Stephens.

Mid-Atlantic Conference Show

The Suburban Dahlia Society of Maryland was host to the Fourth Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference Show, affiliate societies being: Suburban Dahlia Society of Maryland, Pikesville, Md.; Baltimore Dahlia Society, Inc., Baltimore, Md.; National Capital Dahlia Society, Washington, D. C.; Virginia Dahlia Society, Richmond, Va.

The show was held late in the season, the 4th and 5th of October, and from the comments of the judges, we did a very excellent job, the quality of the blooms were the best that they had seen in any of the recent shows held in the Baltimore area. The show was very well attended.

Section 10A — U. R. Alger with his *Mrs. Hester A. Pape* got the best in the section. Mr. Eddins, in the "B" size, got the best in the section with his *Alabaster*. Mr. Eddins won sweepstakes in both the "A" and "B" categories. In the group for those raising 250 and under, Captain W. R. Wright's *Hester Pape* got best of the section. Whereas, the sweepstakes for both the "A" and "B" group were won by John Sherwood. John Sherwood also won all four tri-colors in the "B" size as well as the best in the section with his *Bonds Memory*.

In the open-to-all section, Mr. John Sherwood's *Uchuu* was best entry in the section and he also won sweepstakes.

In the three-entry class for the large growers, Stanley Johnson's seedling won best in the section for the "A" size with George Dodrill winning the points for sweepstakes. In the "B" size, Samuel Shapiro's *Nutley Sunrise* was best entry in the section and Dodrill again was sweepstakes winner. The "BB" category *Gypsy Girl*, grown by Eddins, was the best entry and Eddins won sweepstakes. In the ball class, Eddins' *Rev. Cowlyn Vale* was best in the section. Mr. F. J. d'Eustachio's *Lawson* was the best entry in the miniature ball class. In the miniature section, E. R. Phillips' *Seedling 56-M-30* was best entry in the section; V. Alstock won sweepstakes. In the Pom-Pom section, V. Alstock won sweepstakes and best entry with his *Alderman Purdue*.

In the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes section, Stanley Johnson's *Applause* scored 86 points and *Cecil M*, grown by Samuel Shapiro, scored 85 points. Henry Olson's *Beatrice* scored 85.7. There was a total of 9 entries in this section. Stanley Johnson's *Go American* won the A.H.A. and the A.D.S. Medal. — F. J. d'Eustachio, 10 Silver Spruce Lane, Kingsville.

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The following are the officers elected for the year 1959: President, Elroy M. Christman, 23910 Gessner Rd., North Olmstead, Ohio; 1st Vice-President, Jerry Kovar, R.D. #1, Phalanx Station, Ohio; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. S. Davies, 5589 South Boulevard, Maple Heights, Ohio; Secretary, Henry K. Graham, 373 Ridgewood Drive, Cleveland 31, Ohio; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jerry Kovar, R.D. #1, Phalanx Station, Ohio; Treasurer, Byron E. Jackson, 1248 Bender Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio.

Higbee's Auditorium will be the sight of the 1959 Show. The tentative date is Sept. 21 and 22nd. Mr. Henry Graham, 373 Ridgewood Drive, Cleveland 31, Ohio, is Chairman.

The annual banquet and installation of officers will be held Saturday, January 24th, at Keifers Restaurant on Detroit Avenue, on the West Side. — Nicholas Kozopas, 131 Eldred Avenue, Bedford.

1959 Mid-West Show

Pittsburgh, Pa., will be the scene of the Mid-West show, the 22nd Annual, on Sept. 12th and 13th, 1959. Roy Webb of Scranton, Pa., at the Annual A.D.S. Meeting, spoke for William Koenig, President of the Pittsburgh Society, and asked A.D.S. members to go to the show on the above dates.

The Mid-West Conference will be held in the Pittsburgh Room of the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, on Sept. 12th. This hotel will also be the headquarters of the show. A block of 150 rooms has been reserved for visitors to the show. This year is the Bicentennial of the city of Pittsburgh, also.

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San Diego County Dahlia Society

(Pacific Southwest Dahlia Ass'n)

If you live within reasonable traveling distance we invite you to attend the 1959 conference of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Association, to be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21 and 22, in San Diego's El Cortez Hotel.

We hope to have a good attendance from all of the affiliated societies, which are: Orange County Dahlia Society; Inglewood Dahlia Society; Central Valleys Dahlia Society (Bakersfield); Fresno Dahlia Society; San Leandro Dahlia Society; Dahlia Society of California, San Francisco; San Diego County Dahlia Society.

San Francisco already has reported that more than 20 are planning to attend from the Bay area. Please plan now to attend, and to take part in the discussions. Theme of the conference will be "The Challenge of Growing Better Dahlias." — Mrs. Joe A. Bishop, President, San Diego Society, 2521 - 33rd St., San Diego 4, Calif.

Fresno Dahlia Society

We wish to announce that the 1958 officers of the F.D.S. have been re-elected to serve for the 1959 year. They are as follows: President, Mr. Arthur Schmall; Vice-Pres., Mr. Wesley Wipf; Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Moore; Treasurer, Mr. Harry Hanrahan.

The Directors are: Mr. Clyde J. Nankervis, Chairman; Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Kanne; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weymouth; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richter; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McLeod; Mr. and Mrs. Winters.

Best of luck for the new year. Yours for better dahlias. (Mrs.) Ellen Moore, 2634 No. Fruit Ave., Fresno 5, Calif.

East Liverpool Dahlia & Floral Society

At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected for the year 1959: John Eccleston, President; Mrs. Marie White, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Melvin, 2nd Vice Pres.; Susan Lewis, Financial Sec.; Mrs. Dorothy Kountz, Recording Sec.; William C. Craine, Corresponding Sec.; Charles Glover, Treasurer.

Board of Directors: William Haugh, Michael Vohar, Frank Richmond; Myrtle Finney; Edwin Kountz. — William C. Craine, Box 13, Smith's Ferry, Pa.

Minnesota Dahlia Society

The last 1958 general meeting of the Minnesota Dahlia Society, held on December 10 in the Community Room of Richfield State Bank, was a very happy occasion. It was the annual Christmas Party. After a delicious ham dinner, we found that Santa had left gifts for all. Our good program chairman, George Larson, gave us a fine evening of entertainment appropriate to the season.

Retiring President Solem said: "Looking back over the past twelve months, I am sure you will agree that 1958 will always be remembered as an outstanding year in the history of the Minnesota Dahlia Society. One memorable event was the Midwest Silver Anniversary Con. and Show.

The other was our establishing the North Central Trial Garden, at the University of Minnesota Farm Campus. The effort and enthusiasm which created this trial garden will pay dividends to our people for many years to come.

"We want to pause here just long enough to say a sincere Thank You to those who so willingly gave of themselves to bring those plans to such wonderful fulfillment. "We urge that you give the incoming officers and directors the encouragement and cooperation that we, your retiring officers and directors, enjoyed."

This was election night, and after the votes were counted we found that the People's Choice for members of the governing body during 1959 were the following: President, Dr. A. E. Jameston; Vice President, Ernest A. Anderson; Secretary, Harold E. Nelson; Treasurer, Floyd Burkhardt. Directors: Carl Erickson, Rudy Gustafson, S. D. Peterson, Carl Nelson, C. H. Rose, Arthur Ronning, T. C. Solem.

Virginia Dahlia Society

Herewith the officers for the Virginia Dahlia Society, Richmond, Virginia, for 1959: President, Alton W. Smith; 1st Vice-President, R. E. Bryan; 2nd Vice-President, R. W. Thomas; Treasurer, Aubrey Chamberlain; Recording Secretary, F. A. Hobson; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Robert D. Ford.

General Show Chairman, M. L. Matern; Staging Chairman, R. W. Thomas; Judge, Frank J. Busch; Membership Chairman, T. W. Sweeny; Nominating Chairman, Mrs. R. E. Bryant.

These officers were elected at the meeting of the Society on Thursday, November 20, 1958. — Mrs. Robert D. Ford, 2828 Dumbarton Rd., Richmond 28, Va.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

Looking back at 1958 we cannot help but feel proud of our accomplishments. Our show was the best ever; our enrollment of active members increased wonderfully; and we now have our own beautiful banner in the Society colors, presented by Trustee Boyd Bryson. Our social functions were all well attended and successful, namely: the card party in April, the society picnic in August, the annual dinner in October and the Christmas party. Through closer social activities, we enjoy a fine and enviable spirit of good fellowship.

For 1959 we have moved up our show date to Labor Day weekend, in order to give our members a chance to attend the Pittsburgh Show of the Midwest Conference. There are quite a few members who want to go, so we are chartering a bus. The trip will be inexpensive and relaxing. Leaving Friday night and returning Sunday. There will also be room for several more couples. North Jersey Officers for 1959 are Lewis Culp, Pres.; Ed Steele, Vice-Pres.; Carl Wagner, Treas.; Ann Church, Sec'y.

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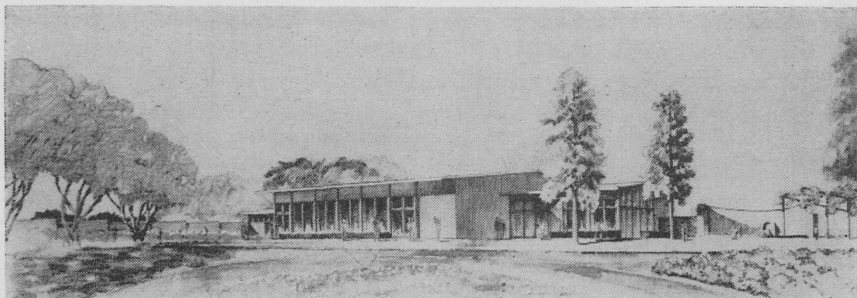
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New Garden Center, Oakland, Calif., Will Be Dedicated Aug. 22-23, 1959

Above is the Garden Centre now under construction by the Oakland (Calif.) Park Dept. It will be a part of the Lakeside Park Trial and Show Garden and is co-sponsored by the East Bay Dahlia Society along with many other garden societies. It will include a building for meetings and exhibitors, a lath house, a green house and work area. The main building will have a room to seat 400, with movie and slide showing equipment. Also a conference room to seat 150 and many other features. The A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Garden, sponsored by the East Bay Dahlia Society, will continue to be a feature of the Gardens. It will be directed as before by R. E. (Pete) Harter. Photo by Jack Chinn. Courtesy of Lionel E. Sanford.

The New East Bay Dahlia Society

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

For several years dahlia lovers and garden clubs in general along the east shores of San Francisco Bay have been looking forward to the construction of a Garden Center Building which was to be designed for meetings and large shows such as this area is capable of staging. With this and the progress of the area in mind, the city of Oakland and its enterprising Park Department have recently begun the construction of a beautiful Garden Center building in famous Lakeside Park. And, since this Garden Center is near the center of and of easy access to the entire area it seemed that the formation of an East Bay Dahlia Society was most logical at this time.

Therefore, a small group of dahlia people met in the Rotary Natural Science Center in Lakeside Park last Sept. 12 to begin the formation of The East Bay Dahlia Society. To date, we have over 50 members, and should easily double this number before our first show. It will be an A.D.S. Participating Society.

The following officers were elected to serve through 1959: Pres., Carl V. Lundvall, San Leandro; First V. P., R. E. Harter, Alamo; Second V. P., John Gugemos, Richmond; Corresponding Sec., Chas. M. Kurtz, Piedmont; Recording

Sec. (Pro Tem.), Mrs. Nellie Lundvall, San Leandro; Treas., Mrs. Grace Harter, Alamo; Board Members: Woodrow Walkup, Berkeley; Jack Sparre, Oakland; Nat Lundgren, Santa Cruz.

The Pacific Coast Trial Garden is in the "front yard" of the Garden Center and just a few steps away, so it will be quite convenient for visitors and judges to attend our shows and visit the Trial Garden and Display Gardens the same day. Incidentally, the Pacific Coast Trial Garden is now jointly sponsored by The East Bay Dahlia and the Oakland Park Department under the supervision of R. E. Harter.

We should like very much to have a lot of nice dahlia people attend our first show next Aug. 22-23 and help us make it a huge success. Why not plan now for a California vacation to include these dates in our area?

Southeast'n Mich. Dahlia Society

At our November meeting, the following officers were elected for 1959:

President, R. F. (Pat) Row; Vice-President, David Millar, Treasurer; Joe Morris, Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. Alex Toth, Recording Secretary; Mrs. David Millar; Trustees: Mrs. S. Smitt, Bert Grim and Alex Toth. — Mrs. David Millar, 15848 Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 38, Mich.

Yazoo Dahlia Society

Our second annual show was held October 11-12 at the Yazoo City High School Band Room. All records of our first show have been shattered. We had a larger number of exhibits, due to better growing conditions just before show time and more growers exhibiting.

There was some 187 entries, all the way from single blooms to collections of many varieties. There were no awards made in the American Home Achievement and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake winners this year.

The largest bloom of the show was *Mary Elizabeth*, shown by B. S. Pruitt; *Five Star General*, second, shown by Mrs. K. N. Harrigill, Fayette, Miss. *Nearest Blue* and *Arthur Godfrey* were also in close competition for first place honors.

In the "B" Bloom class, *Gerrie Hoek* was winner over all competition. In the Miniature Class, Mrs. S. L. Clark and Mrs. K. N. Harrigill were both competitors for first place. Sectional awards went to: Mr. Preston Maxwell, Section A and B growers under 50 Hills; B. S. Pruitt, winner section C and D, growers over 50 Hills; and Mrs. K. N. Harrigill, winner in Section G to K, other small varieties and pompoms. Each of these was presented a gold cup, engraved with their name and date.

A Bronze Placque was awarded the Green Thumb Garden Club for the best arrangement of Dahlias.

The Award of Merit went to B. S. Pruitt for a collection of large blooms exhibited. We wish to express our thanks to our good neighbor of Greenwood, Mississippi, Mr. P. T. Smith for his wonderful exhibits of arrangements and specimen entries of *First Lady* and *Ned Seymour*. We think we had a wonderful show for a group of beginners and we want to extend a welcome to all Dahlia Friends to visit our show, October 10 and 11, 1959. — Mrs. A. M. Vandever, Jr., 1958 Show Chairman, Route 2, Yazoo City, Miss.

(Editor's Note: Please *rush* report next year's show to us for Nov. issue)

Dahlia Society of Georgia and the Southern States Dahlia Ass'n

Officials for 1959 will be as follows: President (Georgia), David Sullivan, Atlanta; President (Southern States Ass'n), Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., Atlanta. The "Silver Jubilee" Show the Southern States Dahlia Association will be held at the Southeastern Fair Grounds, Atlanta, October 3rd and 4th, 1959.

National Capital Dahlia Society

National Capital Dahlia Society at its November meeting elected John B. Gilmer President. A native Virginian, Mr. Gilmer received his education at the University of Virginia and presently is employed as a Market Specialist in the Department of Agriculture. The Gilmers and their two children live at 1705 Beverly St., Falls Church, Virginia.

Modest, friendly and cooperative, "Johnny" is regarded as one of the best growers in the Washington, D. C., area, and is an excellent judge of blooms grown by others.

The other officers elected are: Thomas Yano, Vice Pres.; Mark Alger, Treasurer; Russell M. Vaughn, Secretary; Mrs. Emory Hopkins, Cor. Secy.; Lee M. Clarke and Benton J. Strong, Show Managers 1959. Thirty-five new members were voted in at the same meeting. — Carl R. Greimel, 6369 Ridge Dr., Washington, D. C.

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Alabama Dahlia News

Welcome back, Maude Goodwin! — (Editor Dudley). "Well here I am again, trying to bring you a bit of Alabama dahlia news. 1958 was a good year for dahlias here, but we are not satisfied, and we hope to make 1959 much better.

Right now, things are humming and wherever you find a group of members, you hear them discussing the pros and cons of different varieties. New ones are of greatest interest right now. Perhaps some are 'dark horses'. So, there's no telling what we'll see on our show tables, September 26th and 27th, next.

A. A. West, who occasionally grows a banana tree among his dahlias, is our program chairman. Glad he will again serve us in 1959. A recent program, which could have been titled, "Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us," was presented by our new members. They told us why they joined, what they had expected to find and just what the rewards of membership proved to be. Believe me, it did us all good (we older members), but we did do some squirming at times. We realized that we had not always measured up to their expectations. We all resolved to strive harder to help the new members get full value from their membership from now on.

The Christmas Party at the Dr. Rikes was a big success and everybody enjoyed themselves, including Santa Claus, who dealt out gifts right and left. Santa's voice sounded very much like that of George Alderson, our very efficient President.

Officers for the new year are: George Alderson, President; R. L. Vaughn, Sandy Nelson, Gregory Christopian, Walter Gaines and L. W. Janeway, Vice Presidents; G. P. Odom, Rec. Sec'y.; Mrs. W. D. Stickey, Cor. Sec'y.; Mrs. F. M. House, Treas. — Maude Goodwin, Reporter.

Badger State Dahlia Society

These are the officers elected to serve for 1959 at the November meeting: President, Dr. Gordon Garnett, 5310 Loruth Terrace, Madison; 1st Vice Pres., Prof. C. L. Fluke, 3003 Harvard Dr., Madison; 2nd Vice-Pres., P. W. McKenzie, Jr., 509 S. Spooner St., Madison; Secretary, L. W. Amborn, 430 Virginia Terrace, Madison; Treas., Everett R. Loder, 1202 Gilbert Rd., Madison. — P. W. McKenzie, Jr., Publicity Chairman.

Rochester Dahlia Society

The new officers for the Rochester Dahlia Society for the year 1959 are as follows: President, Barton Brooks, 40 Hickory St., Rochester 20, N. Y.; 1st Vice Pres. Paul Herring, 61 Dunsmere Drive, Rochester 16, N. Y.; 2nd Vice Pres., William Stonewall, 24 Forest Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y.; Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. Gordon Waasdorp, 360 Allens Creek Rd., Rochester 18, N. Y.; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Celia D. Tulley, 985 South Ave., Rochester 20, N. Y.; Treas., Joseph Kelly, 26 Joslyn Pl., Rochester 5, N. Y.

Our December meeting was a dinner meeting for all members. It was a gala affair, culminating a year of hard work, gifts were exchanged and everyone had a real happy time.

Tom Patrick, horticulturist, spoke to the society on "Plant Protection" at our November meeting. It was instructive and interesting. There was a question period following, from which answers to specific problems were received.

For those who could not trip around the country to the shows, Phillip Kimmell showed slides of different shows he had attended. There were many new introductions. They were well taken and we thoroughly enjoyed them. Frank Eyer and Peter Collis gave account of their trip to Washington, D.C., and points south, to the dahlia shows and different gardens.

We wish all our dahlia friends the best of "good luck." — (Mrs.) Celia D. Tulley, Cor. Sec'y, 985 South Ave., Rochester 20, N. Y.

Long Island Dahlia Society

The following slate of officers have been elected to serve during 1959 and will be installed at our January meeting.

Lawrence Palminteri, President; Joseph Mugno, Vice Pres. and Publicity Chairman; Robert P. Pape, Vice Pres. and Show Chairman; Monroe C. Clayton, Membership Chairman; Mrs. John Jagnow, Treasurer; Mrs. Russell Holslag, Secretary.

Plans for our 1959 dahlia show are still in the talking stage. The only definite information is that the date will be Saturday, September 19, 1959. There is a possibility that new space will be made available to us, if the new building is completed at Plattdeutsche Park in Franklin Square, N. Y., as scheduled. More data on this matter will be announced in the next issue of this publication. — Mrs. Russell Holslag, Sec'y, 547 Parkside Blvd., Massapequa, N. Y.

Bergen Co. Dahlia Society

The Bergen County Dahlia Society held its Annual Installation Dinner at the Red Lion Inn, in Hackensack, N. J., on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1959. The dining room had a festive air, as the tables were decorated with attractive flower arrangements, and as each lady entered she received a gardenia corsage, while the men put on white carnations. During dinner, soft accordian music accompanied the buzz of conversation, and then Mr. George Yeager, well known Dahlia Judge installed the following Officers.

President, Harry Dreyer, Ridgewood, N. J.; 1st Vice-Pres., Bertram Pitt, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Wm. Neckerman, W. Norwood, N. J.; Treasurer, Walter Pederson, Cliffside, N. J.; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Mildred Robbins, New Milford, N. J.; Rec. Sec'y, Mr. Will J. Stone, Rivervale, N. J.

Executive Committee: Mrs. D. Meyer, Bergenfield, N. J.; Mrs. H. Dreyer, Ridgewood, N. J.; Dr. Wm. C. Hitz, Cliffside, N. J.; S. Pall, Bergenfield, N. J.; J. Gambi, Rivervale, N. J.

The Installation was followed by a musical program of piano and vocal solos by Mr. Will J. Stone, interspersed with more delightful songs by the accordionist, in which the members joined, bringing the evening to a most happy ending. — Mrs. Harry Dreyer, Publicity., 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood.

The Seattle Dahlia Society

The last gathering of dahlia fanciers during 1958 was a great success. We held our annual Christmas Dinner on December 10th at the University of Washington Arboretum Clubhouse. Turkey, ham and all the fixings and goodies incident to the holiday season were enjoyed by almost 100 members and their families and friends. After dinner we enjoyed viewing some lovely slides sent to us by Bruidegom Dahlia Growers in Holland. The perfect climax of the evening was an exchange of dahlia roots. We're sure everyone got "just what they wanted."

Big plans are in the offing for the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference Show to be held August 29th and 30th at the Green Lake Field House in Seattle. We hope that many of our out-of-state friends will visit our beautiful Northwest and especially the Dahlia Show which we know will be outstanding. — Mrs. June A. Collins, Sec'y, 11249 Fremont Avenue, Seattle 33, Wash.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Greater Phila. Dahlia Society announces election of officers, for the Year of 1959, as follows: Stanley Johnson, President, Cheltenham, Pa.; John Plewinski, Vice-President, 530 E. Dupont St., Phila., Pa.; Mrs. N. L. Wright, Secretary, 6926 Ridge Ave., Phila., Pa.; Howard R. Rolph, Treasurer, 409 Myrtle Ave., Cheltenham, Pa., N. Louis Comito, Director of Horticultural Relations.

The Annual Banquet of the Society, was held at the Tavern, Cynwyd, Pa., Jan. 29, 1959. The feature of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Deichler, Jr., reminisced their 1958 vacation with us, to the West Coast via Travelogue. Mrs. N. L. Wright, Sec., 6926 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia 28, Pa.

San Leandro Dahlia Society

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Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc.

At our recent meeting, the results of the 1958 Dahlia Show were discussed, and plans started for next year's Show.

The following were elected as officers of the Society for 1959: Dr. G. Emmett Raitt, of Santa Ana, President; Don Straub, of Long Beach, 1st Vice-President; R. L. Pyle, of Long Beach, 2nd Vice-President; Haywood Allen, of Westminster, 3rd Vice-President; L. O. Archibald, of Orange, Secretary; Eldon McNeill, of Santa Ana, Treasurer. — Lawrence O. Archibald, Cor. Sec'y, 20641 Santiago Canyon Rd., Orange, Calif.

Portland Dahlia Society

The Portland Dahlia Society has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, J. R. McEvoy — third term; First Vice-President, W. F. Kerlinger; Second Vice-President, Don Allen; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. McEvoy; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Waterhouse; Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Oswald; Publicity Director, Mrs. Matt Hughes. Directors: 3 year term, Oliver Daugherty; 2 year term, Henry Shumate; 1 year term, Herman Runge. — Mrs. J. R. McEvoy, Secretary, 14 S.E. 71 Ave., Portland, Ore.

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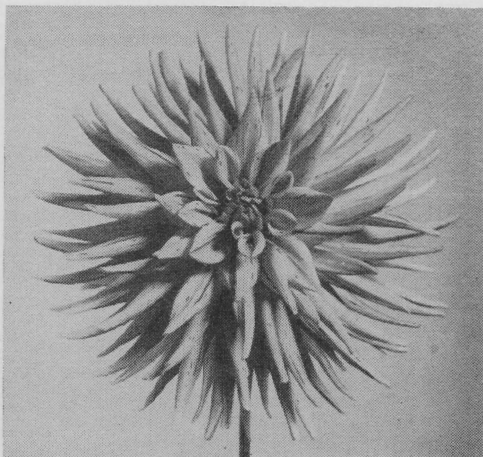
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